number of Telegraph Offices working in the State at the end of the year was 116.

914. During the year, letter-boxes were newly planted in 136 villages in the State. At the end of the year, there were 15 villages in the State where the system of delivery of letters by locked bags was in force. A more expeditious mode of conveyance of mails in the form of mail motor services was introduced by replacing foot lines. The contract relating to the conveyance of mails by the Hoskote-Nandagudi Mail Motor Service was entrusted to the Mysore State Transport authorities during the year.

(viii) Economic Development and Planning.

915. The five Policy Committees of the Economic Conference for (1) Education, (2) Agriculture, (3) Industries and Commerce, (4) Public Health and (5) Public Works and Transport reconstituted in June 1945 were continued during the year, the Committee for Sericulture having been superseded in January 1950 by an Advisory Committee for the Silk Industry. These Committees could not meet as the elected members of the dissolved Representative Assembly and Legislative Council ceased to be members of these Policy Committees from 16th December 1949 and new members were not appointed to serve on these Committees.

916. The Inter-departmental Committee on Planning (Mysore State) which was set up by Government in May 1950 on the advice of the Planning Commission, Government of India, for the purpose of securing the necessary co-ordination between the Departments of Government themselves on the one hand and affording the utmost possible measure of collaboration and assistance to the Planning Commission on the other continued to function during the year. The work of this Committee was not intended in any way to affect the Mysore Economic Conference, the reorganisation of which was separately under consideration.

917. The Inter-departmental Committee on Planning met on 2nd June 1951 and considered the distribution of the total provision of Rs. 32·5 crores suggested for the Five-Year Plan of the State by the Planning Commission at the meeting held in Delhi on the 21st and 22nd May 1951. As the amount was found inadequate, the matter

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was again taken up at a meeting held between the Chief Minister, the Minister for Finance and Industries and the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning and the members of the Planning Commission in Delhi on the 21st and 22nd June 1951. It was finally agreed that the magnitude of the Mysore State Plan for the Five-year period from 1951-52 should be Rs. 36·60 crores.

918. Accordingly, the Five-Year Plan of the several Development Departments of the State was prepared in the *pro forma* statements required and furnished to the Planning Commission on the 30th June 1951. This Plan has been included in the First Five-Year Plan of India published by the Planning Commission. The Mysore State Plan follows the National Plan in its general pattern, and is based on a realistic appraisal of the existing financial resources and those that would become available during the five-year period commencing from 1951-52. The Plan for Mysore involves a total outlay of Rs. 36·60 crores.

919. In response to the requisition from the Planning Commission, Government of India, to implement the plan for 1951-52 for which provision had been made in the budget for the year, the particulars of schemes were obtained from the several Development Departments dealing with the execution of the Plan and consolidated statements of individual schemes for the several groups of subjects were prepared in the *pro forma* prescribed and forwarded to the Planning Commission.

920. On the advice of the Ministry of States, Government of India, the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning was designated as the Co-ordination Officer of the Government of Mysore in respect of applications for Technical Assistance available to any organisation, Government or otherwise, in India from the following sources :—

(i) Expanded programmes of Technical Assistance of the United Nations and its specialised agencies ;

(ii) Technical Co-operation Scheme for South and South-East Asian Countries ;

(iii) Bilateral assistance from the U. S. Government under the Point Four Programme.

921. Copies of the detailed programme and the form of applications were printed and sent to the several departments of Government and Industrial organisations both public and private requesting them to intimate their requirements.

922. The survey of the requirements of educated personnel was under preparation.

923. Regarding the rationalisation and retenchment in industries, it was considered essential to promote cordial relations between employers and employees to improve efficiency and the industrial output and the constitution of a committee for the purpose was considered as very useful. A reply was sent to the Planning Commission accordingly.

Rural *cum* Urban Projects.

924. The Planning Commission intimated that under the Indo-U. S. Technical Co-operation Agreement—Rural *cum* Urban Projects, one centre had been allotted to the Mysore State which was requested to select a suitable Centre having good irrigation facilities for intensive development and to intimate the area along with preliminary information. Accordingly, two areas in the State, *viz.*, Shikaripur—Sorab Taluk in the malnad and Maddur—Malavalli in Mandya District were selected and a reply was sent along with the necessary statistics of the areas in the *pro forma* to the Planning Commission for consideration. The scheme will be financed from the fund created by Central Government with American Aid.

925. One Rural Community Project for the Sorab-Shikaripur Area was selected for the Mysore State. The Planning Commission suggested the organisation to be set up for the implementation of the project. Orders were passed entrusting the implementation of the Project to the Revenue Commissioner appointing him as *Ex-officio* Development Commissioner for the Community Project in the State.

926. The schemes regarding (i) preparation of Development Programmes for small-scale industries (2) irrigation projects, (3) prohibition and (iv) mobilisation of village labour for local works are under the consideration of Government.

927. On requisitions from the Planning Commission, the following information was furnished :—

(i) The re-assessment of benefits accruing from year to year during the five-year period from the Irrigation